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FOLLOWING REPEAT USNATO 1648 ACTION SECSTATE INFO OTTAWA
25 MARCH.

QUOTE

S E C R E T USNATO 1648

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CSCE SUMMIT MEETING

REF: JERUSALEM 639 (SECTO 465)

1. IN CHECKING MY RECORDS FOR THE EXACT WORDS I USED IN MARCH 17
NAC DISCUSSION ON RESPONSES TO BREZHNEV LETTERS ON CSCE, I NOTE
THAT ON THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE SUMMIT TIMING I SAID: BEGIN QUOTE:
--ALTHOUGH IN HIS LETTERS BREZHNEV HAS ASKED THAT THE STAGE III
MEETING BE CONVENED AT HELSINKI BY ABOUT JUNE 30, WE FIND NO
NEED TO MENTION AT THIS TIME TO BREZHNEV A SPECIFIC DATE FOR
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STAGE III, BUT RATHER BELIEVE WE SHOULD EXPRESS OUR CLEAR

WILLINGNESS TO MEET IN SUMMER, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT LATER THAN JUNE 30. IF WE OFFERED A SPECIFIC DATE, ESPECIALLY JUNE 30, WE WOULD LOSE NEGOTIATING LEVERAGE AS WELL AS OFFEND THE NEUTRALS. END QUOTE

2. TO MAKE SURE OTHERS HAD OUR POSITION ACCURATELY, I CIRCULATED TO ALLIED DELS AFTER NAC MEETING FULL TEXT OF MY REMARKS INCLUDING ABOVE PASSAGE ON TIMING.

3. I HAVE CHECKED WITH CANADIAN DELEGATION HERE WHICH SAYS IT REPORTED MY REMARKS "NEARLY VERBATIM" TO OTTAWA. MOREOVER, CANADIAN DELEGATION SAYS IT WAS IN NO DOUBT ON MARCH 17 AND IS NOT IN DOUBT NOW ABOUT OUR PREFERENCE FOR SUMMIT TIMING AS GIVEN IN MY MARCH 17 COUNCIL STATEMENT. NEITHER HAVE WE HAD OTHER TALKS HERE WITH CANADIANS OR WITH OTHERS WHICH COULD IN ANY WAY BE CONSTRUED TO REFLECT U.S. PREFERENCE FOR JUNE 30 SUMMITM BRUCE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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